

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – JULY 2, 2012

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners President Bill Amos, Louis Jody Fortwendel and Thomas Hauser were in attendance. A representative of the *Perry County News* was not present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jody made a motion to approve all claims and payroll checks. Tom seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$237,604.10; \$422,478.37 for Highway claims; and advances of \$353.48, \$1,453.16, \$212,500.00 and \$77.05 for a total of \$874,466.16. In addition, the payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$122,352.14 for the payroll distributed on July 2, 2012.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that each year the County Commissioners are required to make a recommendation to the County Council on the 2013 salaries for all county employees. Connie stated if the commissioners make a recommendation at today's meeting she will have her staff prepare the paper for the commissioners' signatures, and then it would be forwarded to the County Council members. Jody made a motion to recommend a 3% raise for all county employees in 2013, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Auditor, Connie Berger, presented the commissioners with an additional appropriation request within the fund IV-D Inventive - County Share in the amount of \$3,420 for Cost Allocation Plan. She explained that this is to pay Malinowski Consulting to perform the Cost Allocation Plan per the signed contract. Tom made the motion to approve the request and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Auditor, Connie Berger, presented the commissioners with a computer maintenance agreement with Innovative Technical Solutions. She explained that this covers several servers and printers within several offices within the courthouse. The monthly charge is \$515.00. Tom made the motion to approve the agreement and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Perry County Assessor, Mendy Lassaline, attended the Commissioners meeting and explained that at the June 20th commissioners meeting they signed an amendment to the 2012-2015 Appraisal Support Services Contract. She explained that when the State reviewed the amendment it was discovered that a wrong section had been referred to in the amendment and that correction had now been made. It required that the County Commissioners sign the amendment again. The commissioners signed the amendment.

GRANT AGREEMENT – HOOSIER SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Lisa Gehlhausen with IN 15 Regional Planning Commission and Phil Wilzbacher with the Perry County Port Authority attended the meeting, and explained that after the commissioners approved the grant agreement at their June 4th meeting there was a problem found with the agreement. Lisa explained that the way the agreement was written there was a chance that they would not receive the grant amount of \$380,000. After working with the Federal Railroad Administration they were able to make changes to the agreement so the Port Authority will receive the full amount. Jody made the motion to approve the grant agreement and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE – FINGERPRINTING FEES

Sheriff Lee Chestnut explained that he was asking the commissioners to approve an ordinance so the Sheriff's department could keep collecting a fingerprinting fee. He explained that it was his understanding the county had an ordinance to collect for fingerprinting, but after checking the records an ordinance could not be found. The fee is \$3.00 and is placed in the County law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund. Tom made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Ordinance No. O-CC-12-8)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE & DETENTION CENTER PROJECT

Eric Ratts and Scott Carnegie with DLZ attended the commissioners meeting and presented to the commissioners the construction documents for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. Scott explained that since the May 7th meeting they have met with Perry County Officials several times to complete the construction documents. He explained that the project manuals will define the scope of work and the bidding requirements. He stated that they have been working with Ice Miller & Umbaugh on the soft costs of the projects. Several probable alternate bids have been included in the plans. It will depend on how the bids costs come in if any of these items will be included in the project. They reviewed the project schedule; August 6th bids will be opened; August 15th award bids; September 24th start construction; December 13, 2013 completion of project and January 2014 occupancy of new sheriff's office and detention center. Tom made the motion to accept the construction documents and to proceed with the bidding process. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the notice to bidders that will appear in the local paper on July 5th and July 16th. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

AMBUCLANCE REMOUNT – BID OPENING

The Perry County Commissioners opened the one bid that was received for the remounting of a 2006 ambulance for the Perry County Ambulance Service. The bid was from Rolland Specialty Vehicles and Products, Inc in the amount of \$117,517 for a 2012 Chevy G-4500 Diesel chassis and remounted 2006 ambulance body. The new ambulance will feature safe Bariatric Patient transport capability. Also included with the bid was a bid from Lease One Magnolia LLC to finance the purchase under a 3 year lease with the first payment due at closing in the amount of \$40,642.87. After some discussion Tom made a motion to take the bid under review and to seek bids for the financing with the local banks. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM

The commissioners had before them a memo from the County Council with a motion that had been made at their June 28, 2012 meeting. The motion recommended that the County Commissioners should move the zoning office permit application process to the County Assessor's office. After a permit is written it would be given to the part-time zoning administrator to be checked. Jody commented that it was his understanding that by State law the County Assessor cannot collect any fees. Council member Ron Crawford stated that he had just attended the State called County Council meeting along with other council members, and this subject was discussed at their meeting. He stated that they were told legally the County Assessor cannot collect money, but the assessor's office could write the permit and then the person getting the permit can pay the fee in the Auditor's office. He stated it only made common sense to do this because the offices are open from 8-4 each day. He feels this is the only way to solve the problem, and he also feels maybe the county should look into fining anyone that doesn't get a building permit. It was suggested that maybe Tell City and the County could combine departments for Planning & Zoning and share the cost. After much discussion on the subject Tom made a motion to table the discussion until they can get more information and also discuss the issue with their legal counsel. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

It was announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes approved this 6th day of August 2012.

Bill Amos, President

Louis J. Fortwendel

Thomas J. Hauser

Minutes prepared by:
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